



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Hausen, Bernard A.; et. al.  
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of February 18, 2004 ("Office Action").

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